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BRITISH GREAT SEAL

STRANGE ADVENTURES OF THIS EMBLEM OF SOVEREIGNTY.

Fished From the Bottom of the River Thames, Buried in a Garden, Used as a Frying Pan and Broken to Pieces in the House of Lords.

It seems almost ludicrously impossible that the great seal of England should have ever been made to serve the humble purpose of a frying pan; and yet this is only one of many equally strange episodes in the romantic story of the seal which is the "specific emblem of British sovereignty."

Lord Chancellor Eldon was so fearful that the seal would be lost or stolen while in his custody that he never went to sleep without first satisfying himself that it was safe in his bedroom. One night it was in the year 1812—he was roused from his slumbers by cries of "Fire!" Jumping out of bed he snatched up the great seal and, rushing into the garden, buried it deep in the middle of a flower bed. His house might be burned to the ground, but at least he would not prove unworthy of the great trust which had been reposed in him.

Next morning, however, so exciting had been the experiences of the night he had completely forgotten in what part of the garden the emblem of sovereignty had been hidden, and it was only after his entire household had hunted for hours that it was at last run to earth. "You never saw anything so ridiculous," he wrote later, "as seeing the whole family down the walks digging with bits of sticks until we found it."

Once at least the great seal has been at the bottom of the Thames and would be there today but for a lucky accident. It was in 1688, when the second James was fleeing from England and the Prince of Orange to France, in company with Sir Edward Hales. He had intended to take the great seal with him, but as he was being rowed from Lambeth to Vauxhall, where horses were waiting him, another and better idea occurred to him. He would fling the seal into the river, and that would place it once for all out of reach of his enemy. So overboard the seal went, and for some weeks it lay there until by a curious chance it was picked up in a fisherman's net and restored to the proper custodians.

The ludicrous frying pan adventure befell it when in the custody of Lord Brougham. The chancellor had gone to Scotland for a short holiday—seeing that he could not take the seal on the Rhine trip he longed for without putting it in commission at great cost to himself—and he was a guest of the dowager Duchess of Bedford at Rothiemurchus, where he kept his precious charge in his bedroom. One day the young ladies of the house party took the seal from the bedroom and hid it. Brougham was desperate when he discovered his loss and did not recover his peace of mind until the pretty thieves promised to lead him to it if he would consent to be blindfolded.

With his eyes bandaged he was conducted to the drawing room, and there he discovered the seal hidden in a tea chest. So overjoyed was he at its recovery that he consented to the young ladies' suggestion that they should adjourn to the kitchen and celebrate the joyous event by making pancakes in the seal, and thus, amid much laughter, the greatest emblem of sovereignty in the whole world was actually used as a pan in which to fry pancakes. The seal, it should perhaps be mentioned, consists of two silver disks hinged together, so that when they are closed they form a mold, into which the wax, green, red or yellow, as the case may be, is poured. Thus it would make not at all a bad substitute for the common or kitchen frying pan.

Many a time has the great seal been taken to the house of lords and broken to pieces at the bar by the hammer of a sturdy blacksmith, amid the frantic cheering of onlooking members. This was the fate of the seal which fell into the hands of the parliamentary army on the capitulation of Oxford in 1646. Three years later the old parliamentary seal, which represented Charles enthroned on one side and riding on horseback on the other, was similarly destroyed to make way for the new seal with its view of the house of commons in place of the deposed sovereign. Richard Cromwell's seal was broken by the hammer in 1659, and in the following year the great seal of the commonwealth itself was destroyed in the same way.

Once the seal was lost, by Charles II. in his flight from the fatal field of Worcester, and once it was stolen by burglars from Lord Thurlow's house in Great Ormond street, but it was replaced by a replica in the wonderfully short time of thirty-six hours. The seal that was in use when George IV. died was divided between Lord Lyndhurst and Lord Brougham, King William IV. presenting one side to each chancellor, mounted in a magnificent silver, and a similar present was made in later years to Lords Chelmsford and Campbell and to Lords Selborne and Cairns. Of the handsome satchels or purses in which the seal is supposed to be kept—exquisite specimens of art needlework in white and gold—so many fell to the lot of Lord Thurlow as perquisites that his good lady was able to make several sumptuous counterpanes and bed hangings from them.—Pearson's Weekly.

Forced to It.
Doso—I thought you were going to quit all your bad habits? Don't—I did, but nobody recognized me, and I had to begin again so people would know me.

Examine what is said, not him who speaks.—Arabian Proverb.

Read the West Virginian. It has the latest news.

HOW FRANCES CROSBY WROTE FAMOUS HYMN

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus" She Thinks Was an Inspiration—Is the Author of More Than 6,000 Hymns.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 29.—Many congratulatory messages from prominent Methodists throughout the country were received by Frances Jane Crosby, the famous hymn writer, in her home here. Miss Crosby is within two months of her eighty-eighth birthday, but she is still strong and lively, and just now is busily engaged in writing her autobiography.

"Fanny" Crosby, as she is familiarly known, is one of the most remarkable women in the world. She has written more than six thousand hymns, some of which have been translated into all the tongues of Europe. Even now, with her sight gone, she engages in her favorite work, and regularly goes on long trips, lecturing in missions and giving her time and money to promoting charities. Last week she lectured in several distant points in New Jersey, and early in the month she finished a three weeks' tour in Massachusetts.

Miss Crosby has lived with her sister, Mrs. C. W. Ryder, since she left Brooklyn five years ago on account of pulmonary ailment. She was seen in her home to-day, and chatted interestingly about her life's work. The story of how she came to write "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," her most inspiring work, was told with real enthusiasm. She loves the hymn, because, she says, it has brought comfort to many troubled souls.

"I was born in Putnam county, N. Y., said Miss Crosby, "and would you think it, I was 45 years old when I wrote my first hymn. Previous to that I had written some poetry, but when I started to write hymns the work seemed to come natural to me. That may be because I loved it. My whole heart was centered in writing true and beautiful lines.

"The hymn I hold fondest is 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus.' I wrote it in 1868 in 15 minutes, and I have always taken a little pride in this fact. W. H. Doane, who had written the music for several of my hymns, came to me one morning and said he had some music for which he wanted words. He added that he had just 40 minutes to catch a train for Cincinnati, and he asked me to evolve the lines in less than that time. He sat down at the piano and stopped, then said, 'I thinking deeply for a few minutes at the piano and played the music. I sat think I can write it.' I hurried upstairs and in a quarter of an hour came down with the stanzas as they are sung to-day. I believe, the hymn was dictated by the spirit of the Lord. It is a splendid mission hymn, and it has brought comfort to tens of thousands. What a blessing it is to me to have written it. I have written more than 6,000 hymns, but 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus' is my favorite one of all."

The Methodists of the United States will honor Miss Crosby by celebrations and by calling her next birthday "Fanny Crosby day." Services will be held in churches throughout the country, and it is likely that the Methodists of Canada and the British Isles will join in this tribute.

Presents that are useful in granite, nickel, aluminum and chinaware, silver tea and table spoons, knives and forks, carving sets, granite roasters, carpet sweepers, scissors and shears, and prices pared, at J. L. Hall's Hardware.

BIRTH RATE BOOMED BY UNCLE SAM'S CASH

Payment of Claims to Michigan Indians Causes a Skirmish to Line Up as Many Eligibles as Possible.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 29.—The last of the famous government claims has been paid to the Pottawatomie Indians on the Athens reservation, and more money is now in circulation among the red-skinned weavers of baskets and pickers of berries than the Indians believed to be in existence.

Congress allowed \$78,329 to the descendants of the original Pottawatomies, and many months have been consumed in reaching a legal division of the money. In fact, it is claimed that, as every heir of the original land merchants was entitled to a claim, babies have been born "in order" since the fight began.

At any rate it is no secret that more Indian babies have been given birth at the reservation this summer than ever before, and unusual efforts have been made to keep the old people alive, at least until the money was distributed.

Week after week motley bands of Indians thronged the probate office, ranging from heavy-visaged bucks to weakened old men, from sleepy papooses to pipe-sucking old squaws. The result was the appointment of guardians in legion, and Indians of all ages were found entitled to a share of the \$78,329.

Special Indian Agent S. L. Taggart, of Dubuque, Ia., had the distribution of the funds, and only three Indians were absent, these being the only ones who have not recovered from the recent epidemic of smallpox in the reservations. After "expenses had been paid" each of the Indians was given \$210.98. Some have been induced to bank the new fortunes; others will continue to pay it into Battle Creek's treasure for overindulgence in firewater.

So much is this a habit with the Athens Pottawatomies that cases are not rare when Chief of Police Farrington is made the custodian in advance of \$5 to \$10 with which to pay the fine for drunkenness that the Indian realizes will mark his finish of a day's sightseeing in the county metropolis.

BULGARIAN RAID NEAR SALONICA

Apostol, With His Band, Makes Descent Upon Macedonian Village of Bedrelli.

SALONICA, Dec. 29.—A Bulgarian leader, Apostol, with a number of followers, made a descent upon the village of Bedrelli, in the Salonica district, much to the dismay of the inhabitants.

When informed of the fact a band comprising fifty Greeks hurried to the village and attempted to surround Apostol, who, however, succeeded in making his escape.

About the same time sufficient regular troops appeared on the scene to surround the Greek band, who were called upon to surrender. The Greeks are expected to do without delay. During the excitement a Greek priest and at least three inhabitants of Bedrelli were assassinated.

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In the course of time she finds a better place to live at a lower rent; finds a cash buyer for that suburban lot which Uncle John willed to her a few years ago; discovers a better music teacher for Ethel; and rents the two extra rooms in the house for enough to pay the wages of her household help.

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"FIRST CATCH YOUR BIRD."

Haitian Ex-President to Serve 15 Years When They Get Him.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 28.—The court has rendered a judgment in default condemning ex-President Sam to imprisonment for life at hard labor for the alleged issue of fraudulent bonds. Madame Sam is sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, and several members of Sam's ministry and other high functionaries have been condemned to terms of imprisonment ranging from 5 to 15 years. The judgment in default is the form usual under the legal procedure in France and some other countries where the person convicted is out of the jurisdiction of the court. At latest advices President Sam was living in the Island of St. Thomas, D. W. I.

INSTITUTIONS GET MONEY.

HARRISVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 29.—An important decision was handed down by Judge Willis in the circuit court of Ritchie county, in which James E. Tyler, executor of the will of Hattie M. Kimball, was directed to bequeath to charitable institutions the sum of \$28,000, according to the will made by Mrs. Kimball some time ago, just prior to her death. The amounts are bequeathed as follows: Home for the Aged, Wheeling, \$14,000; Children's Home, Wheeling, \$7,000; Children's Home, Parkersburg, \$7,000. Relatives of the deceased opposed the will, and brought suit against the executor to overthrow it.

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